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Alewife plan calls for elevated highway

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

The state secretary of transportation unveiled his plan to restructure the Alewife Brook interchange this week, calling for an elevated Route 2 and an elaborate signaling and ramp system that costs \$40 million.

The plan would take at least two years to complete, begin in 1993 and ultimately ease the flow of traffic on Arlington byways such as Pleasant and Lake streets.

The bad news for town officials is that the plans deny long-sought access from Route 2 to the Mugar/Finard site, the last undeveloped land in Arlington, and a needed source of tax revenue.

The plan does, however, allow for highway access to a planned Cambridge development at the W.R. Grace site.

At a meeting Tuesday with a traffic advisory committee representing Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge, Secretary Frederick P. Salvucci outlined his proposal. The plans revealed were modified or a compromise from a version supported by the Alewife Transportation Advisory

Committee last year. That was one of five options presented and which had passed environmental reviews.

Salvucci's separate plan met with mixed reviews from representatives of local governments, developers and residents. No one, it seems, was completely happy.

Perhaps the sharpest criticism came from Arlington selectmen, who, hearing of the plans, discussed Monday their options to sue Salvucci to hold up the plan and press for access to the Mugar site.

Like or dislike of the plans for the intersection, called one of the worst in the state, depends on which side of Routes 2 and 16 you stand.

"We realize many people have many concerns. We have tried to meet many of them," Salvucci told the more than 30 people at the meeting in the Fox Branch Library in East Arlington.

"While addressing all of the environmental, recreational and development issues, we have to make our decision on what is best for the regional highway system," said Salvucci. "This plan, better than any I've seen so far, allows us to make the

transportation system better."

The \$40 million plan will eliminate the signalized rotary at Route 2 (Concord Turnpike) and Route 16 (Alewife Brook Parkway). In its place, Route 2 will be an uninterrupted, four-lane

elevated "parkway" from west of the current rotary on east past Rindge Avenue and over the truss bridge to Fresh Pond rotary.

Route 16 and the access roads to the Alewife MBTA station, the W.R. Grace

site and the Rindge Towers neighborhood in Cambridge, will run below the elevated highway.

Motorists traveling from west of Boston would drive on Route 2 and not stop until they reach the Fresh Pond rotary, while retaining the option of entering the local traffic system at Route 16, or getting to the T station if they wish.

Furthermore, local traffic can go through the interchange without having to get on Route 2.

The plan also provides for construction of a new truss bridge over commuter rail tracks, which will allow trucks to use the state highway instead of local streets.

The new elevated parkway would be similar to Charlesgate over Commonwealth Avenue east of Kenmore Square and would be at least 24 feet high.

Some of the benefits of the new plan for Arlington, according to Salvucci, are:

- A gradual reduction of lanes on Route 2 eastbound. The road will be reduced at the access road off-ramp and the Lake Street off-ramp to provide a better transition from four-lane highway to the two-lanes in each direction on the elevated parkway.

• A third lane will be added from the Alewife rotary to Lake Street to improve the westbound traffic flow.

• Less of an impact on the area's wetlands and Thorndike Field.

• Improvement of the bicycle and pedestrian connections linking Arlington to the T station and Cambridge.

• Also, synchronization of the lights at the Pleasant Street overpass and access roads, which will allow traffic to move out of the area more efficiently.

AL of these steps, Salvucci said, will also take through traffic off of Arlington neighborhood streets. "When the major roadways work better it won't make any sense for the people to cut through the area neighborhoods," he said.

While some East Arlington residents supported Salvucci's plan, the benefits to Arlington do not outweigh the negative impact of not allowing the curb-cut at the Mugar property, others said.

Alan McClennen Jr., director of (Please see ALEWIFE, page 9)

Process began in '60s with 'inner belt' plan

By PATRICIA DAUKANTAS
Special to The Advocate

How did the Alewife Brook Parkway section of Route 2 ever get to be such a mess?

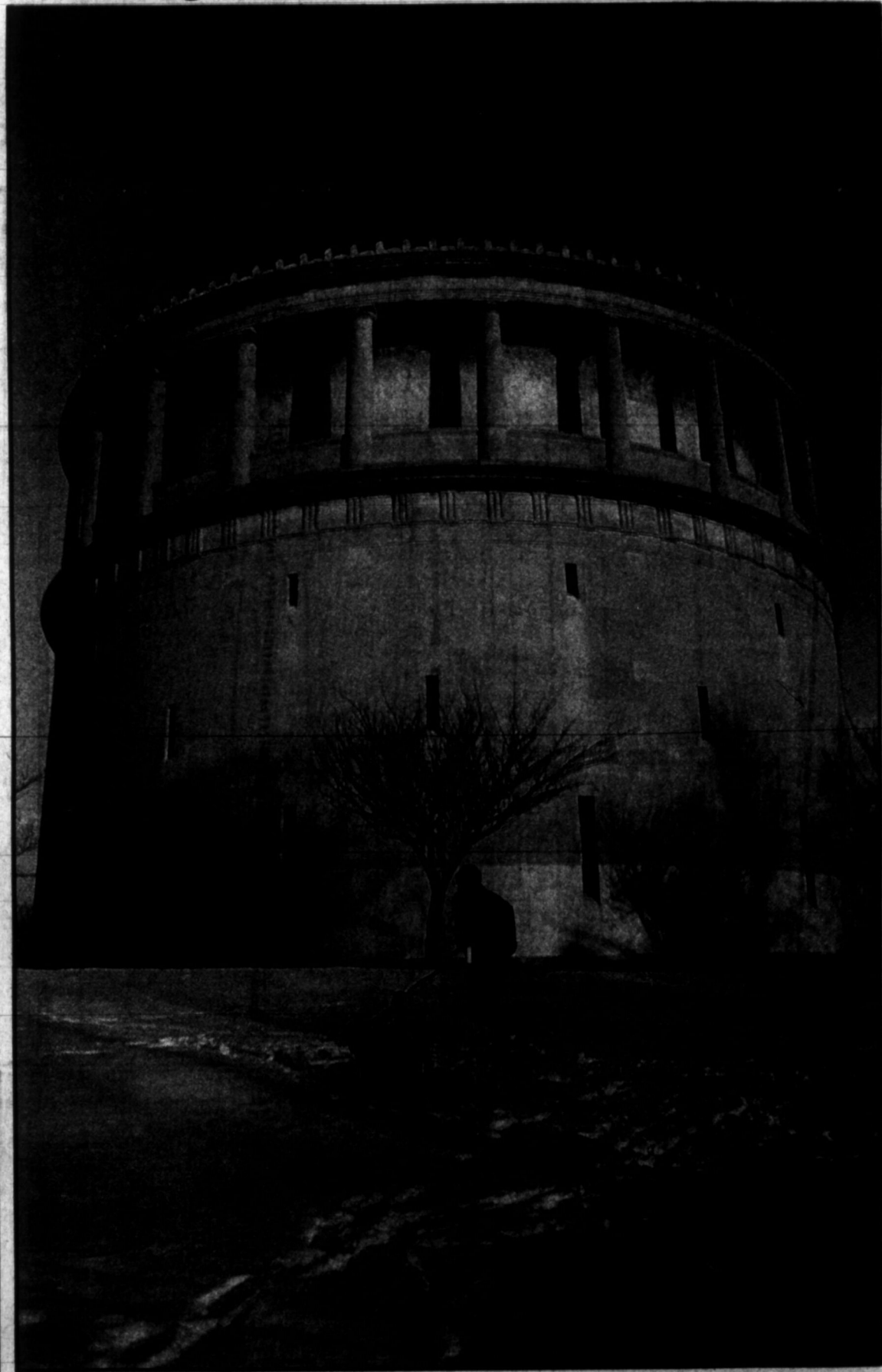
According to those who have been studying the Alewife situation for years, the daily traffic crunch in the Arlington-North Cambridge area grew out of Cambridge's desire to revitalize its industrial base — and out of the state's sharp shift in its highway

and mass transit policies.

"The old Concord Turnpike and ice railroad to Fresh Pond in the 1800s triggered a gradual process of wetlands-filling for highways, railroads and development," traffic consultant Stephen H. Kaiser wrote in a study prepared for Belmont last spring.

... And the 1934-vintage Route 2 and 1929-vintage Alewife Brook Parkway have dominated the road (Please see PLAN, page 9)

Taking the hill



Ted Heffernan, 15, and Jesse the dog, both of Arlington, tackle the hill and snow at Park Circle on their way to the MDC water standpipe, highest in greater Boston. (Paul Drake photo)

Town inventories 23 pieces of Dallin art for protection

By BETH GERMANO
Special to The Advocate

They were found in local schools, museums, possibly even a trash bin. But what's important is they were found.

Four years after a committee was appointed to seek out the town-owned works of famed twentieth century sculptor and Arlington resident, Cyrus Dallin, 23 pieces of his art have been located. But the committee now faces the formidable task of restoring the artwork.

James McGough, spokesman for the Cyrus Dallin committee, estimates it will cost about \$30,000 to complete the mammoth project. Together with fellow members Barbara Franco and David Baldwin, he urged the Board of Selectmen on Monday to put their full support behind the effort.

Selectmen voted initial support by seeking federal grant money and town financing to begin saving the pieces for future generations.

McGough said the discovery of the Dallin treasures was a long time coming, and he's willing to do what's necessary to make them a permanent part of Arlington history. That includes going all the way to Springfield, Utah, the birthplace of the artist, to solicit funds.

More than 250 pieces of Dallin's artwork can be seen nationwide. His more notable local works include the "Ap-



A damaged plaster cast of the world-famous "Appeal to the Great Spirit," a bronze cast of which greets visitors to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, is one of several town-owned works by sculpting master Cyrus Dallin that may soon be preserved for future generations. (Courtesy Arlington Historical Society)

peal to the Great Spirit" in front of Boston's Museum of Science, and the sculpture of the "Menotomy Indian" in the town garden between town hall and Robbins Library. (Please see DALLIN, page 25)

Carry-in wine caper made campaign issue

By DANA GARDNER
Advocate Editor

The next, but by all accounts not the last, chapter in the controversy about carry-in wine at Arlington restaurants was written this week by the chairwoman of the selectmen.

In opening the selectmen's meeting, Janemarie Hillier read a prepared speech that outlines the reasons she believes the board — her own votes sometimes included — have overstepped their role in making town policy.

Hillier agreed that the issue has become a part of her campaign to seek

re-election to the five-member board. She wants a question about carry-in wine policy put on the same ballot that will bear her name.

If a change is to take place in the way alcohol is used or dispensed in Arlington, maintains Hillier, the people should have a say in it before any policy or changes to policy are made ... again.

"I can't stand idly by and watch a situation develop that might damage the quality of life in our town," Hillier declared.

With that she asked the board to (Please see WINE, page 7)



Janemarie Hillier

More candidates declare for races as town election begins to heat up

By DANA GARDNER
Advocate Editor

Several potential candidates for townwide offices have come forward in recent weeks and listed themselves at town hall as seeking a place on the April 9 ballot.

As of Tuesday at noon, there were six candidates stating intention to run for the two seats open on the five-member Board of Selectmen. Terms are for three years.

Incumbent Selectmen Chairwoman Janemarie Hillier, appointed Selectman Jack Donahue, Arthur Speros, former gubernatorial appointee to the

Housing Authority Franklin Hurd Jr., School Committeeman Bill Carey and Redevelopment Board member Stephen Gilligan have all taken out nomination papers for the selectmen seats. The top two vote-getters will win.

To be placed on the ballot for the Saturday election in April, candidates must present 50-signature petitions for certification to the town clerk by 5 p.m. on Feb. 29.

Five residents have taken out papers for the three seats up for grabs on the nine-member School Committee. The terms are also for three years.

Incumbent School Committee Chairman William O'Brien, incumbent School Committeewoman Janice Bakey, incumbent committeeman Michael Peters, Larry Clinton, and public safety officer David McKenna have signed on as potential candidates.

Peters, however, said Tuesday that he is no longer pursuing a seat on the School Committee and will not bring forward a petition. Peters, a teacher, said six years on the committee was enough. He said he now holds a night job that interferes with his school committee responsibilities. Peters said he (Please see ELECTION, page 7)

FBI probes don't surprise activists

By RICHARD PASTORE
Special to the Advocate

Disclosure of a nationwide FBI probe of groups opposed to the Reagan Administration's Central America policies has provoked reaction ranging from amusement to anger to fear among members of the Arlington Central America Committee.

The three-year-old organization,

which boasts a mailing list of 1,200 Arlington residents, opposes administration policies by petitioning congressmen, sponsoring talks and demonstrations, and raising funds for humanitarian aid for Central American nations.

Judi Paradis reported that she and fellow committee members were not surprised by news of the FBI surveillance and infiltration cam-

paign, which was reported in the national media last week.

The probe began in 1981, and heavily censored documents released under the Freedom of Information Act revealed that 52 of the Bureau's 59 field offices participated in the investigation, which may still be continuing.

"We've heard about numerous break-ins at the Cambridge office of (Please see FBI, page 11)

NEW BUSINESS

Syrian immigrant sets up shop for variety of bridal accessories

By ANNE-MARIE SELTZER
Special to the Advocate

"We carry everything for the bride and her attendants except the groom. She'll have to find him somewhere else," said Al Adourian recently. Six months ago, Adourian and his wife Lena opened Bridals by Alena at 489 Massachusetts Ave. in Arlington Center. Besides wedding gowns, the Adourians sell pageant, prom, and formal gowns, special occasion dresses, and accessories — shoes, evening bags, jewelry, tiaras, and hair combs with flowers or pearls.

The Adourians aren't new to the bridal business. When they immigrated to the United States from Syria 10 years ago to be with their family, they settled in Syracuse, N.Y. Successful manufacturers of baby and children's clothing for more than 20 years in Syria, the Adourians bought a clothing store but were unsure about which clothing line to feature.

"After six months, we settled on a bridal shop because we could do special orders, make new gowns, and do all the alterations ourselves," he said.

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★ 12:00-3:00-6:45-9:50

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★ 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:00
Fri & Sat 12:15 a.m.

HOPE & GLORY (PG-13)
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SHE'S HAVING A BABY (PG-13)
★ 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:20-10:00
FRI-SAT 12:10 AM

THE SERPENT & THE RAINBOW (R)
★ 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:20-9:45
FRI-SAT 11:45 PM

JULIA & JULIA (R)
★ 12:45-3:00-5:15-7:35-9:50
FRI-SAT 11:50 PM

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM (R)
★ 12:00-2:25-4:50-7:20-10:00
DOLBY FRI-SAT 12:15 AM NO PASSES

FOR KEEPS (PG-13)
★ 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:40-9:50
FRI-SAT 11:45 PM

MOONSTRUCK (PG)
★ 12:30-2:45-5:00-7:25-9:45
FRI-SAT 11:45 PM NO PASSES

BROADCAST NEWS (R)
★ 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:10
FRI-SAT 12:30 AM NO PASSES

RETURN OF THE LIVING DEAD II (R)
F & M-TH ★ 1:00-3:15-5:40-7:50-10:20
SAT-SUN 5:40-7:50-10:20/FRI-SAT 12MID
SAT 2/6 NO 7:50 SHOW

WALL STREET (R)
★ 12:10-2:35-5:00-7:30-10:10
FRI-SAT 12:20AM

THREE MEN & A BABY (PG)
★ 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:45-10:20
FRI-SAT 12:00 MID DOLBY

FATAL ATTRACTION (R)
★ 12:15-2:35-5:00-7:40-10:15
FRI-SAT 12:25 AM

CINDERELLA (G)
SAT-SUN ONLY
★ 1:30-3:30

BRADDOCK: MISSING IN ACTION II (R)
F & M-TH ★ 1:00-3:15-5:20-7:45-10:00
SAT-SUN 5:20-7:45-10:00/FRI-SAT 12MID

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED (PG)
SAT-SUN ONLY
★ 12:30-2:45

Last year, they came to the Boston area to be near their sons, who attend area colleges. Residents of Waltham, they chose an Arlington business address for its location and easy commute.

For the bride and her attendants, Bridals by Alena has approximately 150 styles of wedding gowns and 200 styles of bridesmaid gowns plus dresses for the flower girl. Adourian buys his samples from more than 50 manufacturers in the U.S. and abroad. "We also carry designer gowns that are featured in the bridal magazines," said Adourian. "However, if a customer doesn't find what she wants in our collection, Lena will design a gown or dress especially for her." According to Adourian, his wife also makes hats, veils, and flowers, and does all the alterations. He added that "it generally takes about three months to get a wedding gown, once it's been ordered. We only have samples in the store."

The prices at Bridals by Alena are often considerably less than other area stores, he said. "Our customers have told us that we have the best selection and the best prices around," said Adourian. "We offer excellent prices on all our merchandise, but especially on bridal attire. For instance, the savings on a bridesmaid dress can average around \$25. On a bridal gown, the savings vary. Because we are new in the area, we

are more concerned with getting customers and establishing a good reputation than making a large profit."

The Adourians' business philosophy centers on satisfying the customer. He said, "Every store has its advantages, and with us, it's individual attention and 100% customer satisfaction. We never dictate what someone should wear. That's not our job. Each customer has her own ideas about a gown, and that's what we work with."

Adourian believes that to be successful in a business "you have to enjoy it. Making money is certainly part of it, but there has to be more than just that."

He concluded, "The bridal shop business is very competitive. If complete customer satisfaction isn't your main priority, then I suggest you go into another line of work. Thus far, my wife and I are very pleased with the state of our business. Our customers have made us feel very welcome."

Bridals by Alena is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephone number is 643-3708.

The Adourians are also preparing for the upcoming prom season. In three weeks, the shop will open its prom center. Adourian expects to have 200 different styles of prom gowns.

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International artists



Hardy School students proudly present a scrolled mural that is part of an art exchange with students in Japan. From left, Jennifer Piscopo, Tracy Carvalho, Jonah Hall and Anthony Collins. (Paul Drake photo)

LIBRARY NOTES

Valentine story times

Drop-in Valentine Storytimes for children ages 3 to 5 will be held next week at the main Junior Library and at the Fox and Dallin Branches. The 45-minute sessions will feature stories, songs and Valentine craft-making.

The schedule for the week is: Monday, Feb. 8, at the Fox Branch at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Dallin Branch at 10 a.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 10 at the Junior Library at 10:30 a.m.

Musical shown at Fox branch

The movie musical "Carefree" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library on Friday, Feb. 5 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Fred Astaire poses as a psychiatrist and advises Ginger on her love life in this screwball-style comedy with dazzling dance production numbers. Directed by Mark Sandrich. Lyrics and music by Irving Berlin. It is free.

Minton to address Library Friends

Avalon N. ("Nick") Minton, University of Lowell political science faculty member, will address the Feb. 9 Brown Bag Luncheon sponsored by the Friends of Robbins Library at noon in the Fox Library.

"Life in the USSR: An American Perspective" will recount Minton's tour of the USSR in the summer of 1986. He will present slides of his trip.

Minton, originally from North Carolina, is well known in Arlington, where he has lived for the past 17 years. He is president of the Friends

of Robbins Library, past president of the Arlington Civil Rights Committee, a member of the Arlington Fair Housing Committee, and a member of the Executive Board of Common Cause/Massachusetts.

Hostesses for the Feb. 9 event, to which all Arlingtonians are invited, are Jean Kalendarian and Muriel Mather.

Children's programs

The main Robbins Junior Library holds free programs for children every Saturday morning, September through May, at 10:30 a.m. The schedule for February is:

•Feb. 6, African Folktales — tales and string stories from Africa for children Grade 1 and up. Sign up in advance at the Junior Library desk or call 646-1000 x4306.

•Feb. 13, Valentine Making — Children ages 3 and up are invited to come and make a valentine for that special day. No advance sign-up required.

•Feb. 20, Movies — Three short movies for ages 3 and up: "One Monday Morning," "Cinderella," "Donkey Prince." Total viewing time 30 minutes.

•Feb. 27, Filmstrips For Little Ones — Three short filmstrips based on popular picture books for ages 2-4. After the films, children may stay and play with a variety of age appropriate toys.

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The working man is under greater pressure and that pressure apparently causes a greater probability of misalignments of the spine. It isn't always the low back. It's the tension headaches and the delicate stomach that are no longer the exclusive province of a corporate executive. The traditional working

man may still wear the blue collar, but with increased technology, he has the health conditions not always associated with misaligned vertebrae. If you are experiencing recurring headaches, elevated blood pressure or a delicate stomach, check with a Doctor of Chiropractic to see if misaligned vertebrae are contributing to your problems. Remember, the five most dangerous words are MAYBE IT WILL GO AWAY!

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Democrats open campaign season with fundraiser

By CAROL BEGGY
Advocate Assistant Editor

The Democratic Party in Arlington kicked off its 1988 political year with a house party Friday night — complete with all the local Democratic officials.

Best described as jovial and cordial, the night was a way of raising funds for the Arlington Democratic Town Committee and organizing campaigns for the spring elections.

"This is a very pivotal time for our party," said state Rep. Robert Havern, D-Arlington. "More and more issues of great importance aren't being addressed at the federal

level and we will have to deal with them at the state level."

Joining Havern and the nearly 50 people in attendance were state Rep. Mary Jane Gibson, D-Belmont/East Arlington, and state Sen. Richard Kraus, D-Arlington.

Other Democratic officials, U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, Speaker of the Massachusetts House George Keverian and state House Majority Leader Charles Flaherty, were invited but did not attend.

The evening was fraught with the usual trading of barbs between the speakers and hinting of the upcoming elections. Still early

in the political season, the local officials focused on the goals of the party rather than the April 9 elections.

"There is a lot we need to address," said William O'Brien, chairman of the School Committee, who is seeking re-election this spring.

O'Brien, who announced that he will retire as a federal judge in Boston soon and be better able to work on issues that concern him, challenged the town's Democrats to change federal policies they don't agree with.

"We can't let things continue as they have been," said O'Brien. "We don't have \$5,000 to

house someone in South Boston, but we have \$56 million for subversive activities," he said, referring to the U.S.-backed Contra forces in Nicaragua.

Most of the local officials whose terms expire this spring attended the house party at the Unitarian Universalist Church, getting things started for the later-than-usual campaign season.

In addition to O'Brien, School Committee member Janice Bakey was at Friday's gathering, also seeking re-election, as was selectmen Janemarie Hillier and Jack Donahue, both expected on the ballot to seek

selectmen's seats.

Several of the other possible candidates for the town elections, including Franklin Hurd Jr., who has taken out papers to run for selectman, and School Committee candidates David McKenna and Larry Clinton, also attended.

Kathleen Dias, president of the Democratic Town Committee and member of the School Committee, said that although some of the honored guests did not attend, it was a positive start to the election year.

"We're pleased with the turnout and I think this is a good way to identifying some of our needs and the issues we want to address," said Dias.

Boy who fell through ice rescued safe

A 10-year-old Madison Avenue boy was pulled out the Reservoir on Friday by Arlington police officers and firefighters after the youth fell through the thin ice.

Macoto Yamaguchi was apparently walking on ice at the shallow end of the Reservoir, on the Lexington side, when he fell through the surface ice, said John Carroll, director of police services.

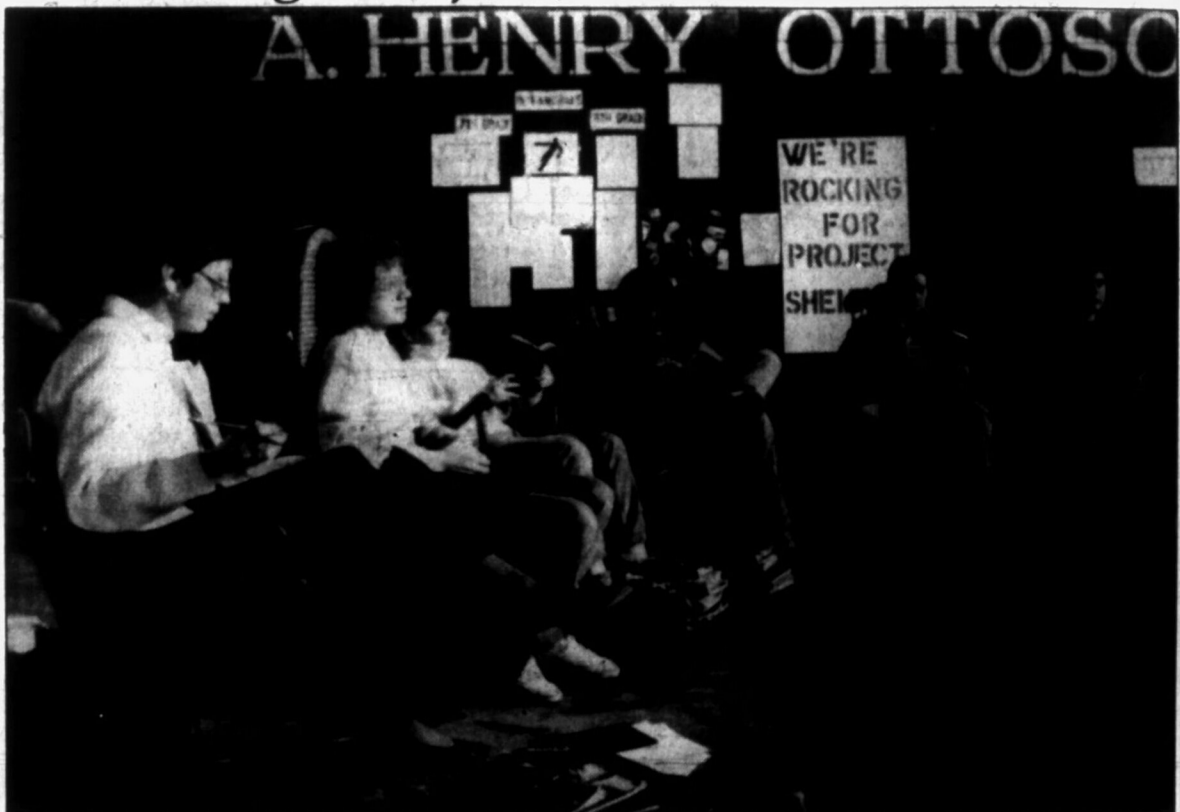
Although the youth was not stuck under the ice he was apparently unable to push through or get back on top of the ice and get back on shore, Carroll said.

The boy was taken by ambulance to Symmes Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and later released.

"There is a great fascination with some of these kids and the ice," said Carroll.

The Reservoir and Spy Pond are not safe for skating, walking or fishing when they freeze over during the winter, officials warn. Police recommend people stay off the ice to avoid injury, because the ice does not always freeze evenly and completely.

Rocking benefit



Ottoson School students work up a sweat rocking at the school to raise funds for Project Shelter, a facility for the homeless. About \$3,000 was raised by the Student Council-sponsored marathon last week. From left are students Marie McCarthy, Kerry Fahey, Maureen Smith, Alex Ghanotakis, Eric Jordan, Toby Wikstrof, Bill Radoghia and Brian Patterson. (Paul Drake photo)

Residents to utility: you drink the water

Despite the assurances from officials that the foul smell and discoloration of some Arlington water is temporary and sporadic, some local residents say the situation has become unbearable.

"This isn't something that is just happening," said Mike Hogan of Varum Street. "Nothing we do helps. We can't drink our water. It's been stinking like this for six months."

Other residents agreed with Hogan saying the current problem is making home drinking and bathing water unusable.

The Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) has said the fishy taste and smell in the town's tap water is caused by a persistent algae bloom in the Wachusett Reservoir — Arlington's water source.

At an MWRA board of directors meeting on Jan. 27, Executive Director Paul Levy said the algae problem is being worked on and appears to be localized.

Levy said community water departments will be tracking exactly where complaints are coming from so the MWRA can zero in on possible sources.

Selectman and MWRA Board Member Charles Lyons asked that town officials be sent information periodically on the algae problem so they help the residents in their towns.

Although unpleasant, officials said, the foul-smelling water poses no health or safety hazard.

The bloom has been occurring sporadically since July, according to an MWRA spokesman, and is not affecting any one area.

But residents say the odor and discoloration has gotten worse in recent weeks and has been a constant problem for several months.

"This stuff is stinky. I don't want to shower with it. I certainly don't want to drink it," said a 25-year resident of Park Avenue.

"I can't believe we have to use this water with the way they keep talking about raising our water and sewage rates to help clean up the Boston Harbor," the woman said. "I think they're giving us harbor water right now."

Water authority officials say some of the isolated problems can often be traced to problems with the plumbing in a building.

Helen Monroe, a resident of Broadway, said she has had plumbers come out to her home and even replace some pipes to get rid of the smelly, murky water.

"I don't think the pipes caused the water to turn bad, but I do think the water ruined my pipes," said Monroe.

Recent reports of fishy tasting water have not only been heard in Arlington. There have been reports during the recent outbursts of the algae throughout the area serviced by the Wachusett Reservoir.

Officials at the MWRA said the problems are being corrected with chemicals. It can not be determined how many homes were affected by the algae bloom or for how long.

Once the algae is cleared from the system the water quality will improve, officials said, cautiously.

Dot Stein remembered at memorial service

Nearly 300 people filled the Unitarian Universalist Church last Friday to remember their friend, family member, coworker and neighbor, Dot Stein.

In a service which friends said mirrored her life, Stein was memorialized as a strong woman who worked hard for her family, her business and the community.

Dorothea (Wormser) Stein, a founder and co-owner of Ivers & Stein Realty, died on Jan. 18 in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, after a brief illness. She was 57.

Town officials, representatives of the real estate business in the Greater Boston area joined family and friends for the service, which included a slide show of Stein and her family.

"Dot Stein was a person who had a profound impact on everything around and everything she was involved in," said Margaret Spengler, a former member of the Board of Selectmen and longtime friend of Stein.

Spengler and others outlined Stein's many roles: as parent, wife, School

Committee member, and realtor.

"She was a warm person who will be missed," said Spengler.

Stein was a resident of Arlington for many years and served on the School Committee, Town Meeting and numerous other local committees.

In 1977, she cofounded Ivers & Stein Realty and later became very active in the Greater Boston Real Estate

Board and the Multiple Listing Service.

A graveside service was held on Jan. 20 in Beth Israel Cemetery, Clarksburg.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robbins Library, where Stein served on the capital fund committee, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston.

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**NOTICE
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MARCH 8, 1988**

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No name can be added to the voting list (except to correct omissions made by clerical error) after ten o'clock on Tuesday, February 9, 1988 at which time registration closes for the Presidential Primary to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 1988.

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Arrests

A 30-year-old Lexington man was arrested on Jan. 25 by Arlington Police after an appearance in Brookline Court for defaulting on traffic warrants.

On Jan. 25, a 16-year-old Medford man was arrested after police responded to a boyfriend/girlfriend dispute near the Brighams on Mill Street.

The youth was arrested in front of 699 Mass. Ave. after he pushed a police officer. The youth was subdued by several police officers and was charged with being a disorderly person and assault and battery on a police officer.

On Jan. 26, a 27-year-old Boston man was arrested by Wayland Police on outstanding Arlington traffic warrants.

A 35-year-old Amherst Street man was arrested on outstanding warrants after being pulled over for a traffic violation on Broadway.

On Jan. 29, a 29-year-old Burlington woman was arrested on Lowell Street

and charged with speeding and operating a vehicle after his license had been suspended.

A 34-year-old Mass. Avenue man was arrested at 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 after he was seen driving in an erratic manner on Mass. Avenue.

The man was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, failure to keep right and operating a motor vehicle with a license in possession.

On Feb. 1, a 27-year-old Gardner Street man was arrested on Broadway near the Somerville line for defaulting on warrants from Cambridge District Court.

An Appleton Street man was arrested on Feb. 1 at his home for defaulting on a Woburn warrant.

On Feb. 2 at about 4:30 a.m., two Somerville brothers were arrested on Lowell Street after police responded to a call about a disturbance on Colonial Village Drive.



Interior of the decades-old Spy Pond Field players' house has been gutted and work is under way to install new plumbing in the floor. The total interior refurbishing of the town facility is accompanying installation of new concrete bleachers. Much of the money for the work is being collected through private donations, and the need is still great, organizers say. A fundraiser telethon on cable television is being planned.

(George Ferrar photo)

POLICE LOG

A 27-year-old man and his 20-year-old brother were apparently having difficulty driving from the area when police arrived.

The older brother was charged with operating under the influence of drugs, operating without a license in possession, operating a vehicle after his license had been revoked and possession of a controlled substance, believed to be marijuana.

Because police believed both brothers had been driving at different times, the younger brother was also charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana and possession of a dangerous weapon: nunchakus.

Nunchakus are two rods of wood connected by a chain and are illegal in Massachusetts.

Larcenies

A \$500 Panasonic VCR was reported stolen on Jan. 27 from the

basement of the Fox branch library in East Arlington.

On Jan. 29, a microwave oven, valued at \$79, was reported missing from the kitchen of the Day Care Center, 817 Mass. Ave.

An Oldham Road woman told police on Jan. 30 someone had taken an \$800 Arans snowblower from her garage.

Break-ins

An attempted break-in was reported on Jan. 25 after a 10-inch by 20-inch window was broken at the rear of Arlex Supply on Water Street.

Late on Jan. 28, police discovered a broken 10-foot by 8-foot window Patriot Appliances, 1201 Mass. Ave. Reported missing was a 13-inch Zenith color television valued at \$260.

A short time later, a 4-foot by 6-foot window was reported broken at the Card Hut, 1339 Mass. Ave. A glass case containing crystal figurines worth about \$1,000 was reported missing.

On Jan. 31, a Gardner Street woman's apartment was broken into and a Sharp VCR and Zenith television were listed as missing.

Vandalism

On Jan. 29, a 4-foot by 8-foot window was reported broken at the Laundromat, 1177 Mass. Ave.

Miscellaneous

A Teresa Circle man reported to police on Jan. 28 that while he was riding in a cab from Arlington to Boston on Jan. 10 he lost \$2,000 worth of Nikon camera equipment.

A Cambridge man was taken into custody and a hearing has been set up to seek complaints after the man alleged exposed himself to a Thorndike Street woman while she was walking near the pedestrian bridge at Thorndike Field.

Field house work under way

By GREG POLLY

Special to the Advocate

Work on the Spy Pond Field restoration is "coming along pretty good," according to Joe Beasley, vice president of the Spy Pond Playground Improvement and Preservation Association. Construction is proceeding on schedule and should be finished in time for the rededication ceremony slated for April 19, but more money is needed...now, said Beasley.

That ceremony will unveil the two main projects of the restoration, the new grandstands and clubhouse. The stands will be equipped with new precast concrete seats and backs, which Beasley says are now finished in Maine and are awaiting delivery later in the spring. "They'll be sturdy enough to last another 75 years," he said.

The old clubhouse has been gutted to make way for the new building which will boast new toilet facilities for the public (complete with provisions for the handicapped) and a locker room with showers, lockers, and toilets of its own. In addition, the field will be made accessible by clearing the pathway from Swan Place down to the field so that people can walk there from Arlington Center.

Beasley said the tunnel at Whittemore Street would also be cleaned up to provide further access. "We're trying to make safe passageways and bicycle paths to the field," he said.

With these renovations complete, the association hopes to see the field become a "multipurpose park" for all the townspeople, as it was in the past. "It's not just for baseball," Beasley said. "This recreational land can be used by day-care and grammar-school programs, by soccer, field hockey or tennis players—or even by senior citizens who want to come down and take a walk. The field is for everybody in the community," he said.

Until now, much of the project's labor has been handled by weekend volunteers. Only last Saturday volunteers were using jackhammers to break up the concrete floor of the old clubhouse and finishing ditches for the water and sewer lines, Beasley said. But recently the association hired a private contractor for the last phases of the job. "We need a private contractor to work during the week in order to stay on schedule," he explained. Beasley deemed all the work on the clubhouse, whether volunteer or professional, as "top rate." "We're taking no shortcuts," he said.

Although the restoration project began with a large federal grant through the town, it has all along depended heavily upon local contributions. "The federal money only paid for the grandstand," according to Beasley. "Everything else is coming out of local money."

Arlington banks, businesses, and private donors have given "quite a

(Please see WORK, page 7)

TV telethon to present local talent for local cause

The Spy Pond Playground Improvement and Preservation Association (SPPIPA) has locker-room construction under way at Spy Pond Field and is planning a fundraising Telethon for Sunday, April 24, from 3-9 pm on the Arlington Cable station.

The cost of this construction will be paid for by government funds and the money raised at the Telethon on April 24. Many people and groups have already committed their time and energy, but many more are needed. The committee is seeking volunteers from among civic groups, church groups, fraternal organizations, and former Spy Pond ball players.

If people from these groups who have enjoyed Spy Pond over the years help, we will be able to keep the park in top condition for future generations. See the coupon on this

page to find out how you can help.

Entertainment is needed to keep these six hours of TV time vibrant and alive for the Arlington audience. The Entertainment Committee already has commitments from the Sweet Adelines, the "New" New Orleans Jazz Band, St. Eulalia's Folk Group, and the Arlington High School Madrigal Singers just to name a few. However, the committee is seeking more local talent to give the program a home town flavor. If you would be willing to tape a spot or perform live on April 24, please fill out the coupon on this page.

This Telethon is a major community undertaking to which many fine people are committed, but many more are needed for various tasks.

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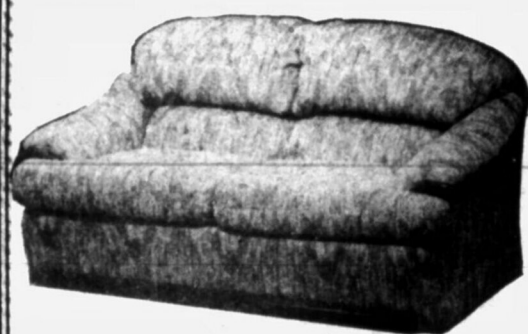
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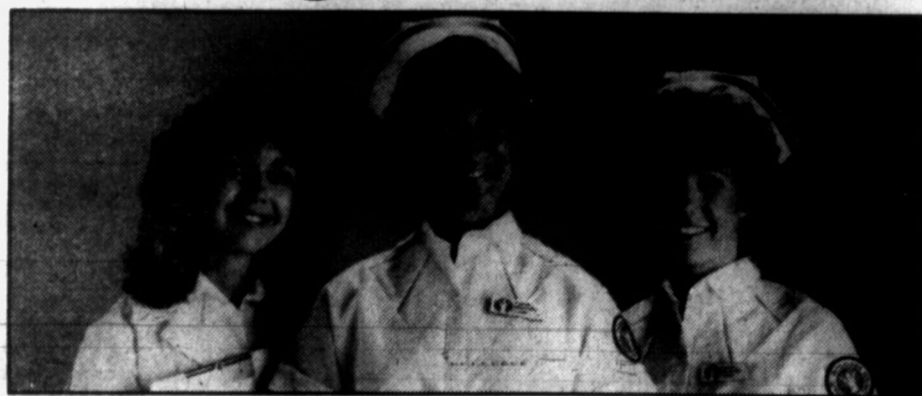
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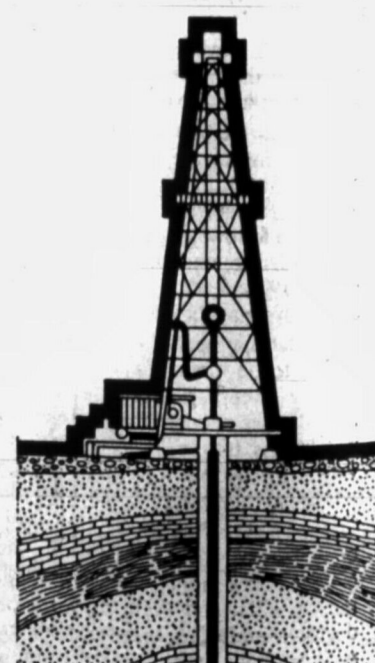
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TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Warrant kept open for one more week in case of override

The warrant for the annual Town Meeting on April 25 was not closed by selectmen this week, but was kept open until Feb. 8, the next selectmen's meeting.

The move to keep the warrant open, which was voted on twice after an initial no vote, was made to allow the option of seeking a request for an override to Prop. 2½, the state cap on property taxes.

In discussions about the town budget, selectmen voted to wait until they met jointly with the School Committee Feb. 8 to decide if an override request was necessary.

Officials working on the town budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 have painted a picture of a \$3.34

million gap between town revenues and projected expenses. A large portion of town spending is in the school budget.

Treasurer's articles raise eyebrows

Articles submitted by town Treasurer John Bilafer for the annual Town Meeting were both too few and too many for some selectmen.

A "standard" article that allows for the use of investment income to pay off short-term debt was not included in the treasurer's articles, selectmen said. Selectmen voted to include it and present it to the Finance Committee and Town Meeting.

Bilafer has been a strong proponent of conservative town financing, and steadfastly advocates a large so-called free cash account for the town. His article apparently would accomplish that.

Bilafer, who also serves as town parking clerk, included an article that would combine budgets and elected job of town treasurer with the appointed job of parking clerk.

The parking clerk job, a part-time endeavor, pays \$8,927 annually on top of Bilafer's salary of \$42,900 as a full-time elected official.

Bilafer has been worried that the parking clerk position will not go to him in the future as an appointment because of some animosity toward him by some selectmen, sources said.

The article calling for a combination of the jobs raised some eyebrows among selectmen, but no action was taken.

Lack of minutes

peeves chairwoman

Criticizing executive secretary Fred Pitcher for being tardy with minutes of meetings, selectmen Chairwoman

Janemarie Hillier this week called on Pitcher to get his act together.

Hillier, who is seeking re-election, asked for Pitcher to have the minutes for each meeting ready for the next scheduled meeting. Her request Monday night was not supported by the board's majority.

Minutes are the legal record of the events and votes at public meetings.

Pitcher reacted strongly to Hillier's suggestion, saying that a heavy work load, understaffing, town hall repairs and other chores have caused him to set priorities such that minutes fall behind.

The last date for which selectmen have approved minutes was for the selectmen's meeting of Nov. 2, three months ago, Pitcher said Tuesday. At one point in the fall, minutes were more than four months behind.

"It's not just the minutes, it's a series of things," said Hillier on Tuesday. "I want an orderly business ap-

proach to the selectmen's office."

Hillier said Pitcher had been remiss in providing selectmen with a copy of the town budget and annual report. They were due in early December, she said, but she just received the budget this week.

Hillier also wanted to know where Selectmen Jack Donahue, who is seeking an elected seat on the board, felt about the minutes. He did not reply.

The other selectmen, with the exception of Stephen Conroy, did not support Hillier, and did not vote to ask Pitcher to have minutes ready for their approval at the following meeting.

Instead, Town Counsel John Maher was requested to investigate the extent to which minutes must report the events of meetings. By making the minutes less narrative, said Selectman Charlie Lyons, it may cut down on the caseload for Pitcher.

Hillier called Lyons' suggestion a "diversionary tactic," and said she

was "upset" that the board did not join her.

Pitcher said he had "a great deal of dissatisfaction with the current chairman of the board," saying Hillier had an "unrealistic perspective."

"The reality is that there are times when (the minutes) won't be ready every week," Pitcher said.

Selectman Robert Walsh suggested that the selectmen's office be closed to the public at times during the week so that the minutes could be prepared in time for the next meeting.

Hillier called Walsh an "oversimplification," that demonstrated a "cavalier attitude."

Selectmen also voted to increase the staffing by filling a vacancy in the selectmen's office.

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SCHOOL NEWS

School lunch menus posted

Remember to eat the School Lunch way, that is, food from each of the four food groups, at every meal. Every School Lunch is designed to meet ½ of each student's daily nutritional requirements. From Feb. 8-12 the Arlington Public Schools present the following menus:

ELEMENTARY school children will be served a complete meal for \$1 which includes white milk. On **MONDAY** a cold Tomato Slice will team up with a hot Chicken McSchool. This will be accompanied by Potato Puffs followed by Chilled Fruit. **TUESDAY**, your request for Open Faced Taco will be served with Chilled Fruit and a Cookie. **WEDNESDAY**, Tuna Roll, Potato Sticks, and Coleslaw will be completed with a Petite Banana. **THURSDAY**, Macaroni and Cheese will be served with Tomato and Pickles. Chilled Fruit with a Cookie treat completes the meal. **FRIDAY**,

the Chow Daddy Combination — Pizza tastes great with 100 percent fruit juice and your Dy-no-mite Bar is a must with Milk.

SECONDARY schools offer a selective menu. Selecting 1 entree, 2 servings of fruit and vegetable plus 8 oz of white milk is the School Lunch pattern which provides ½ of each student's daily nutritional requirements for \$1.10. A choice of the following entrees are available **DAILY**: Pizza, Cold Cut Sub, Assorted Sandwiches and Salad Plates. In addition specials are indicated as follows.

The secondary school entrees are: **MONDAY**, Chicken Nuggets; **TUESDAY**, Hamburger/Cheesburger; **WEDNESDAY**, Hot Pastrami; **THURSDAY**, Stuffed Shells; **FRIDAY**, French Daily with Beef Bourguignonne or Ham and Cheese Croissant.

Note: On rare occasions menu changes are made without notice due to circumstances beyond our control.

9th grade courses topic of parents night

Arlington High School ninth grade course selections will be the topic of discussion at the eighth grade parents night to be held at Gibbs Junior High School on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Guidance Counselors, Mr. Croke and Mrs. Herzog, will explain the process and answer questions at the meeting to be held in the Gibbs Media Center. Parents are asked to bring their child's program of studies booklet with them.

Kindergarten issue explored

On Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Nursery School at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave. will sponsor "Is Your

Child Ready for Kindergarten?" All are cordially invited to a presentation by Janice Satlak, a kindergarten teacher from the Arlington Public Schools.

Satlak will discuss at length what determines readiness and how to know if your child is ready. There will be time for questions.

Rights group sets meeting

The next meeting of the Amnesty International local group for Arlington and Somerville will be on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Bonad Road in Arlington. New members are welcome.

Further information may be obtained by calling Bill Swartz at 646-2851.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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For the fourth year, Sonia Paine, respected and successful antiques show manager and businesswoman, is donating her services as manager of the annual Browne and Nichols School's Antique Show and Sale.

The 22nd Anniversary edition of the show will take place at the Cambridge School, Gerry's Landing Road, on March 4, 5 and 6. Preview Party tickets for March 4 may be purchased at the door for \$15. Public invited. All monies realized from this fundraiser benefit BB&N's scholarship program. Among those working on this committee: Leslie Bandar, 6 Woodland St., Arlington.

Show days, admission is \$3.25. With this article, \$2.75.

Under Paine's guidance, dealers have been selected for their quality and diversity and will offer such items as estate jewelry; sterling silver; paperweights; Russian icons; export china and formal, art deco and country furniture displayed in room-like settings. For further information call 547-6100 Ext. 120.

Sea paintings
topic of brunch

The hospital cafeterias at Symmes Hospital in Arlington are rumored to be a cure for the blues on Sunday afternoons. Join the hospitals for their aromatic scents and good company at their Sunday Brunches, where folks can enjoy a tasty hot meal for just \$3.50 from 1 to 3 p.m. Each brunch includes a featured speaker.

The schedule for the coming month looks like this: March 6, Judith Berman, Visual Artist from Arlington, "In Water, On Land." Underwater Sea Life Paintings and Sculptures of Small environments.

For reservations, call Maxine Lyons at Symmes Hospital at 646-1500, ext. 2424.

Volunteers help
cookie effort

Patriots' Trail Girl Scout volunteers, Joan Millian and Anna Goettle of Arlington are serving as the Service Unit Cookie Managers for the 1988 Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

This position encompasses a varie-

ty of responsibilities including processing troop orders, training troops in safety and sales procedures, and supporting other community volunteers involved in the Cookie Sale.

"The Girl Scout Cookie Sale only comes along once a year," Millian and Goettle remarked. "It is the single major source of income for the Council, and helps troops to raise money for camping trips, program activities and special events." Millian and Goettle also noted that girls can help defray the cost of summer camp and Wider Opportunities through their sales efforts.

Millian and Goettle encourage Arlington residents to support the girls in the community by participating in the sale. Residents who have not been contacted by a Girl Scout taking orders door-to-door may order cookies directly by calling Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council at Cedar Hill, Waltham 893-6114.

Nicaragua topic
of discussion

Sr. Jeanne Gallo will speak on "The Effects of Civil War on the People of Nicaragua," on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:30 at the Pleasant St. Con-

gregational Church in Arlington Center.

Gallo is a noted human rights activist and expert who has traveled extensively throughout Central America, including an extended visit in 1986 to assess the effects of U.S. policy on the people of Nicaragua. She has collaborated on two books on Nicaragua, Nicaragua Libre and

Responding to the Rights of the Poor: Nicaragua, The Church, The U.S. Sr. Jeanne is currently enrolled in a doctoral program focusing on human rights in Latin America at Boston University.

Sr. Jeanne's presentation is part of the Arlington Central America Committee series on The Effects of Violence on the People of Central

America. Earlier presentations focused on human rights in Guatemala and Honduras. The final event in this series is "The Hope of Sister Cities for El Salvador" featuring Salvadoran activist Oscar Chacon and members of the Cambridge Sister City Project which is scheduled for Wednesday March 16 at the Pleasant St. Congregational Church.

CLUB NEWS

Garden Club
Valentine tea

The Arlington Garden Club will observe Valentine's Day with their annual tea at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at St. John's Episcopal Church hall.

Following the business meeting at 1 p.m., Nancy MacDougal will present the program, entitled, "Creative Edibles."

Club sponsors
social benefit

The Shamrock Social and Charitable Society will sponsor a benefit social to aid the Little Sisters of the Poor on Friday evening, Feb. 19, at the VFW Hall, 2103 Massachusetts Ave., North Cambridge beginning at 8 p.m. All proceeds from this event will be donated

to the Little Sisters of the Poor to aid in their good work.

Music for your dancing pleasure will be provided by Irish tenor John McDonald and his band, refreshments will be served, and there will also be a raffle and cake sale. Admission is only \$3.

For further information, you may contact the Shamrock Society at 625-7556.

Why not plan on coming to the VFW Hall on Feb. 19 to support the Shamrock Society as they, in turn, support the Little Sisters of the Poor. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Club
to hear book review

Joan Caterino of the Fox Branch of the Robbins Library will present a book review to the members of the Arlington Woman's Club at its

meeting to be held on Thursday, Feb. 11.

The meeting will be held at the Pleasant Street Congregational Church beginning with a social hour at 12:30 p.m., followed by a business meeting at 1:30 p.m. conducted by the club president, Mrs. Walter D. Bullock, and concluding with the special program beginning at 2 p.m.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Robert Matson, chairman of the art committee, and Mrs. Richard Shallow, chairman of the drama committee, and their respective members.

Elderly man
forced off
bike before
being mugged

Two unknown youths pushed a 37-year-old Dudley Street man off of his bicycle on Monday and tried to rob him while he was riding on Mass. Ave. near Windsor Street.

The youths pushed the man to the ground while he was riding his bike westbound on Mass. Ave. and asked him for his money, said John Carroll, director of police services.

When the man told the youths he was not carrying any money they began to beat and kick him, Carroll said. The youths were scared away by some passers-by, he said.

The unknown youths were described as about 15 years old and wearing blue jackets.

The Dudley Street man was not seriously injured and declined medical treatment.

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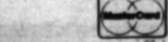
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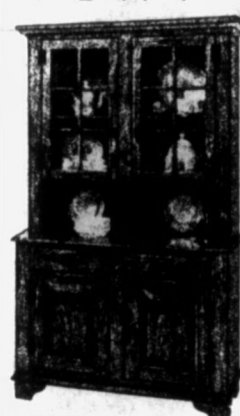
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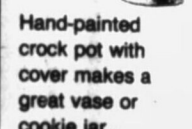
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Wine issue drawn deeply into campaign

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reverse a vote taken last week, which had reversed a vote taken in November about putting referendum questions on the April 9 ballot.
Hillier's colleagues on the board declined, requiring that a 3,000-signature petition, or 10 of the voters, be gathered to place any questions on the ballot. Selectmen will not put a question on the ballot, be it alcohol or fire whistles, they reaffirmed.
Hillier said she personally is now

leading the petition drive and invited those interested in signing it to contact her. Her campaign manager, Ruth Mahon, initially began the petition drive.
The matter, which apparently began with a police officer visiting The Gourmet Club restaurant in October and incorrectly telling the owners they were breaking the law by allowing wine on the premises, has turned into a political football. It also has become somewhat of a mystery.
Why an officer visited that one

restaurant, why an exception policy was concocted with only one eatery in mind, why it was attempted that the policy be limited to one restaurant — all remain unanswered.
It is no mystery that the entire episode blew up in the players' faces, and that now those seeking election or re-election are picking up the pieces in a way that best suits them.
Last month, selectmen granted a first in modern Arlington history: consent for an Arlington Center restaurant, The Gourmet Club, to

allow patrons to bring-in and consume wine.
While the practice had never been strictly illegal before Jan. 1, selectmen moved since October to outlaw the practice. They then set up an exception policy.
But now, Hillier said she will not vote on any more exceptions until the voters have had an opportunity to speak on the issue.
In the meantime, selectmen voted over Hillier to accept for processing a request by an Arlington Chinese food restaurant for inclusion under the exception.

Shanghai Village Restaurant at 434 Mass. Ave. has sought the privilege to allow patrons to bring in and consume wine. The restaurant will be reviewed by various town agencies and their report will be sent to selectmen.

Selectman Jack Donahue, an appointed member seeking election on April 9 — perhaps the only member of the board who has not waived on the issue — said the question was not one of quality of life.

The quality of life before it was illegal to bring in beer or wine at restaurants was not impinged, he said. "Quality of life in town was unharmed and unmolested," said Donahue, until the issue was brought up.

In addition to trying to put the question to voters via petition, Hillier was successful in presenting an article to go before the Town Meeting.

Hillier's article question asks if Town Meeting members will enact a bylaw forbidding altogether the possibility of carry-in alcohol anywhere in town.

Later in the meeting on Monday, Selectman Charlie Lyons also inserted an article on the Town Meeting warrant. His question asks if, as a policy, Town Meeting members agree with what the selectmen have done in regard to outlawing carry-in alcohol and devising a strict exception policy.

Court continues case in hit-and-run death

The case of William J. Russell, a 27-year-old rookie Cambridge police officer charged in the hit-and-run death of an Arlington man, was continued until March 4.
Russell's lawyer was in Middlesex Superior Court on Monday for a conference. The judge continued the case until next month, said a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.
In October, Russell pleaded innocent to charges of vehicular homicide, driving to endanger, speeding and leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury.
On Oct. 10, Kevin R. Beasley, 31, of Norfolk Road, was killed while jogging on the Route 2 access road near Pleasant Street.
Russell is the son of Cambridge City Councilor Sheila Russell and the late Mayor Leonard J. Russell. He was suspended from the Cambridge Police Department on Oct. 13.

More candidates say they will run

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would be working on Carey's campaign for selectman.
Carey said Tuesday that he has every intention of running for selectman, and did not plan to give up his School Committee seat in the interim. "I don't think it's going to interfere with my campaigning," he said.
Other seats open in the election include two openings on the Board of Assessors. Daniel Purcell, a former member of the board and longtime

Town Meeting member, and Kevin Feeley, an appointment to a vacancy on the board, have taken out nomination papers for the assessor's seat.
A single candidate, an incumbent and chairman, John Cusack, has sought the single open five-year seat on the five-member Housing Authority.
Cusack, a former state representative, was the first to bring to the town clerk his signatures for certification. His name will be on the ballot.
Many Town Meeting members are

also up for re-election or are seeking nominations. The number of Town Meeting seats open this year is particularly high because of redistricting. Many members whose terms were not yet up will have to seek re-election anyway because several precinct boundaries have been changed.

The hottest races appear to be for selectmen and school committee. Already Hillier and Donahue have been testy on some issues and Hillier has acknowledged that the question of carry-in alcohol to town restaurants is a campaign issue for her. (See related story.)

Hillier and her campaign manager, Ruth Mahon, are organizing a petition drive to put a question on the ballot. The petition asks if voters do or do not want a carry-in alcohol policy in town.


For several months the ballot did contain a non-binding question, posed by selectmen, on the fire whistle. Selectmen curbed use of the fire whistle from morning, noon and night to simply noon.

Selectmen voted to ask voters their preference on the tradition. Selectmen voted last week, however, to reverse themselves and strip the ballot of all referendum questions.

Work to fix fieldhouse well under way at pond

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lot," Beasley said, and with their help the association has begun to sponsor some fundraising events. The latest one is a \$1-a-ticket raffle for a 1988 Chevrolet Corsica donated by the Mirak family. The winner will be drawn at the April 19 ceremony.
However, Beasley said that money is still needed for the final stages of building and encourages everyone to contact SPPIPA at P.O. Box 1295, East Arlington 02174-9991, about tax-deductible contributions.
Looking past the April 19 rededication, Beasley said that further work would be done if contributions con-

tinued to provide money. "We hope to aerate and fertilize the field itself, and put the soccer field, baseball diamond and tennis courts in first-class condition," Beasley said the association also hoped to add several new tennis courts in the future. "It all depends on how much people are willing to pay for," he said.
Beasley did stress, however, that the association would see to the field's upkeep. "Our work won't stop once everything is restored," he said. "We don't intend to let the field deteriorate again." Money for the field's maintenance will come from community fundraising projects like those which have supported the restoration.



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Comment

BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

Museum(H 495)- House 104-39, gave near final approval to a \$35 million bond package for a Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams.

Supporters, noting state funding is needed this month or the project will die, said the project will revitalize the area and provide hundreds of new jobs and increased tourism revenue.

Some opponents said the proposal was lifted out of \$130 million convention center funding bill and is unfairly being rushed through the House at the expense of the more comprehensive bill.

Others said the state cannot afford the \$35 million.

A Yea vote is for the bill. A Nay vote is against it.

Representative Robert Havern voted yes.

Representative Mary Jane Gibson voted yes.

Transportation Package(H 1001)- House 142-1, gave near final approval to a \$3 billion bond package to improve the state's transportation system. The measure allows the state to sell \$1.5 billion in bonds to be eligible for federal funds totalling \$1.5 billion for projects including depression of the Central Artery and a third

harbor tunnel.

Supporters said the fiscally responsible package will improve the state's highways, bridges and public transportation and generally improve the massive transportation system.

Opponents expressed concern about plans to reconstruct the Old Colony Rail Line to restore rail service from the South Shore to Boston.

A Yea vote is for the package. A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted yes.

Gibson voted yes.

Prevailing Wage(H 1001)- House 112-30, rejected a transportation bond amendment providing that individual projects under \$100,000 undertaken by a city or town be exempt from the prevailing wage law.

Amendment supporters said this will help local communities get more for their dollars on small traffic improvement projects or paving projects.

Opponents said the amendment is the first step in attempts to weaken and eventually repeal the prevailing wage law.

A Yea vote is for the amendment.

A Nay vote is against it.

Havern voted no.

Gibson voted no.

TOWN ELECTION '88

Newspaper policies

Arlington residents are preparing once again for the annual town election, this year on Saturday, April 9. Registered voters in Arlington will elect two selectmen, three school committeemen, a member of the Board of Assessors and a member of the Housing Authority.

Also on the ballot will be choices for Town Meeting members from respective Arlington precincts. Regional choices for Democratic and Republican state committeemen and presidential primary choices will be made March 8. Additional ballot questions may be posed as referenda on April 9.

To ensure as informed an election as possible, The Advocate will provide detailed coverage of the campaign. Coverage will include:

- Updates on who has taken papers to seek nomination for seats, followed by finalized nominations.

- Formal statements from candidates for townwide office. A single announcement, not to exceed 800 words, with black and white photograph, will be published with minimal editing from each candidate. The release will be printed under the heading "Town Election '88," and be labeled as originating with the candidate. It should be received no later than 4 p.m. the Monday prior to publishing date.

- Comprehensive coverage of the candidates and issues. Additional press releases on candidates' stances and remarks will be welcomed at The Advocate and used as attributable sources for routine news stories on the campaign as it develops. The last date for accepted releases is Monday April

4 at 4 p.m. No unanswered charges will be reported in the pre-election edition of April 7.

- Bulletins of candidates' upcoming coffee hours, meetings or campaign gatherings, fundraisers and speeches will be run as briefs under the campaign heading. Brevity is preferred. The newspaper will not cover each specific event.

- Question-and-answer format interviews of candidates in townwide contested races. Candidates will receive a questionnaire from the newspaper staff, identical for each candidate seeking a specific office. The answers will be published in full. Follow-up questions may be asked before publication. All interviews will appear in the March 17 edition.

- Endorsements. The Advocate editorial board will endorse candidates for townwide offices. The paper's choices and reasoning will appear in the March 24 edition.

- Letters to the editor. Letters from readers about the election or candidates will be published subject to editing for space under a separate "political" letters to the editor heading. Letters representative of a viewpoint will be chosen if several similar letters are received. Space will dictate the publishing of letters. No election-oriented letter will be published after the March 31 edition. All such letters must be received by 4 p.m. on March 28.

For details on political advertising, candidates should contact the display advertising department at Century Newspapers, 3 Church St., Winchester, or call 729-8100.

DATE BOOK

Monday, Feb. 8:

Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., close Town Meeting warrant and meet with School Committee for budget discussions, in board room, second floor, town hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m., conference room, 20 Academy St.

Park and Recreation Commission, 7:30 p.m., recreation office, Sports Center, 422 Summer St.

Images from our past



C.R. Vining blacksmith shop, a familiar sight for the many horses and drivers of 19th century Arlington, stands up off of old Mass. Ave. as the village smithy. Some things don't change. Vining didn't take checks either.

(Courtesy Arlington Historical Society photo)

Guest column policy

The Advocate welcomes guest columns from those who live or work in Arlington or have an interest in an issue that affects the town or townspeople.

The more diversity of opinion the better. The paper reserves the right to edit the columns for taste, brevity and libelous statements.

Columns should be typed, double-spaced, and sent to: The Editor, Arlington Advocate, Arlington, MA 02174 at least a week before the publication date. A telephone number where the author can be reached should be included. Got an idea? Write it down.

Letters to The Editor are welcome on matters of interest to local readers. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. on Monday. Letters should be typed and limited to 250 words. Names will be withheld upon request. Anonymous letters will not be published.

GUEST COLUMN

State should be ashamed of prison system

By MATTHEW KELLEY
Special to the Advocate

Massachusetts has been lauded by many as a model state for others to copy. It has been called the cultural center of the northeast and everyone knows all too well the "Massachusetts miracle." But there is one system in government that few consider model and many think is backward and incompetent. I speak of the state prison system. In this great state the prisons as well as the public cry out for reform, while the governor, running for the highest office in the country, stands idly by.

Killers and rapists are on the loose in this country. They came from this state. We have three major escapable programs in prisons at the moment, work releases, work details and furloughs. These releases are unsupervised journeys into society. Proponents of the programs say that they help prisoners adjust to society by letting the prisoners make contacts and find work. Now, these programs are needed for prisoners, for the state for reasons. But only for so-called "responsible" prisoners. Prisoners who respect life.

Property can be replaced if a released thief damages it. But try to

replace a son for a mother who had her child killed by a furloughed murderer. The honest truth, as cruel as it may sound, is that first degree murderers can't be trusted with the life he's in contact with. Many could be, but all must lose release privileges for the few who can't. We can give the benefit of the doubt to either them or us.

During the last seven years, two murderers out of four hundred have escaped. That means the escape rate is one-half percent in seven years. Actually, a rate like that is excellent. But the method of the escapes stirs protest. The men walked away from

release programs while serving sentence in minimum security facilities. Recently Commissioner Michael Fair relocated murderers to medium and maximum security prison facilities. But that is beside the point. The point is that two killers are on the streets when it could have been prevented. Quite easily, in fact. We could have done what Fair did a few weeks ago in the first place. We are playing with our lives when we release killers, and although we say we're against it, we don't take any action.

The answer to this problem is not (Please see PRISON, page 11)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Business thankful for town crews

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to use this forum in thanking our Public Works in specific the Water Department. Friday morning, Jan. 22, I experienced a water break in front of our building. The manner in which it was handled from start to finish reflects highly on the town's service to its taxpayers.

Under inclement conditions, the water crew work all day and into the night (10 p.m. to be exact) to find and repair the situation. Knowing the nature of our business, the crew thought it best to finish up the job rather than to leave it go until Monday morning.

For the peace of mind, and the ability to operate my building over the weekend I personally wish to thank Mr. Victor Roberto, Francis Sullivan, Fred Ryan and the rest of the crew who unselfishly gave up their time.

The town should be thankful for such hard working individuals whom I am sure go unnoticed in their daily activities.

John F. DeVito
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will be minimal and the mentally handicapped along with their families will not gain the full benefits of residential living.

Charles Changeliach

Teacher proud of old students

TO THE EDITOR:

"Those oldies but goodies remind me of you..." Exactly what happened Saturday, Jan. 23, at St. Agnes School Hall! It was a blast from the past that included former religious, lay teachers and students from 1960-1980! The evening was a great tribute to St. Agnes School. David Lambert and his committee did an excellent job in organizing this event! The reflections on a typical day at St. Agnes with P.A. messages and daily phrase used by faculty and students during that era was most entertaining.

The highlight of the evening was the award of special recognition to Sr. M. Terentia. This was a long time in coming Sister but justly deserved.

To all my former students, it was fantastic to see you, there are too many of you to name and to those who didn't come you missed a night of remembrances, laughs, tears, and questions. What ever happened to that field trip to Logan Airport? (I hope I answered that one E.N.) When the evening was over I felt proud to have been your teacher during a turbulent time in our country and now I can see the fruits of all my efforts. You are respectful, responsible, successful, caring women and men living life to the fullest. Be proud of yourselves and your accomplishments you deserve the credit.

Teresa M. Di Gregorio Harrington
(Fifth Grade Former Teacher)

Grateful to police, fire departments

TO THE EDITOR:

We are grateful to the Arlington Police and Fire Departments, to our neighbors and to our friends for their kindness in our recent loss.

The family of James O'Neill

Cooperation makes for safer children

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Dallin School Safety and Parking/Playground Committees, we want to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by the following persons in promoting

the safety of the children of our school.

The Children — for their increasing awareness of safety issues (preventable accidents!)

The Parents — for their increasing awareness and compliance with safe parking practices near our school.

The Staff and The Parents — for their increasing awareness of the concerns expressed by our neighbors about parking practices near their homes.

The Neighbors — for their kindness and understanding in contacting the school if they do indeed recognize a problem. To everyone who keeps their sidewalks shoveled so that every child has a safe route to school.

The Crossing Guards and Safety Patrols — for providing leadership in practicing safety rules.

Our Custodians — Robbie Hahn and Bill Towle and John MacDonald for their diligent maintenance of the school and school grounds.

Without everyone's cooperation, providing for the safety of the Dallin School Community would be most difficult. We salute you!

John Chicarello and
Lauren Jastremski

Kraus shares concern of Devine

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to Superintendent Devine's letter of Jan. 7. As the Senate Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, I am very much aware of the crisis in funding for residential special education placements.

I have worked closely with school and municipal officials, and the Department of Education in order to come up with a bill which can address this serious funding problem. I have sponsored a bill, along with Representatives Nicholas Paleologos (33rd Middlesex-Woburn) and Mary Jane Gibson (26th Middlesex-Belmont) which would require the state to pay a specific portion of residential costs over a certain limit.

Senate bill 227 would alter the present funding formula for residential placements by providing that the current 60/40 formula be applied to the first \$40,000 of costs, that a formula of 70/30 be applied to the next \$10,000, and that a formula of 90/100 be applied to all costs in excess of \$60,000.

In addition, this legislation contains an additional provision which stipulates that in cases where the costs of a single placement exceeds 1 percent, 2 percent, or 3 percent of the school system's annual operating budget, the Commonwealth would pay at least 70 percent, 80 percent or 90 percent of the cost respectively. This provision is targeted at smaller

communities whose costs for residential placement might not reach \$40,000, but comprise a disproportionate percentage of the school budget.

I can assure you that I consider this bill to be among my foremost priorities for the 1988 legislative year. This bill did not pass in 1987 because it got virtually no organized support. That must change in 1988. I look forward to working with Superintendent Devine and other school officials in my district and across the state to make sure that this issue is resolved in a timely manner.

Richard A. Kraus
Senate Chairman
Joint Committee on Education

Divorce group provides support

TO THE EDITOR:

I want the community to know of a wonderful resource for persons who are in process of separation or divorce. It is the support group that meets at the Calvary Methodist Church in Arlington at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.

For the past three months, I have attended the meetings. The members are both female and male, from five surrounding communities, and at various stages of their marital separation. Persons who are contemplating separation have also come and found much support.

The group from my perspective is supportive, non-judgmental, sensitive and yet can ask essential, sometimes tough questions. Although Rev. Peter Miano leads the group no one person seems to dominate — it is a great time for sharing and/or listening.

The group has grown and we are now planning on meeting two times monthly beginning in February, i.e., the first and third Tuesday of each month for those who want added support. Interested persons can call Rev. Miano at the Calvary Methodist Church.

Eunice Weiss

Warning about imposters made

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to advise the residents of Arlington that we are being visited by a group of three female imposters who are very crafty and have a way of gaining admission to our homes on many different pretenses.

Fortunately for me I was able to get them out of my house with very little material loss but the nervous trauma I have suffered as a result will be with me for a long time and that is why I want to warn others especially those who are older and perhaps more vulnerable.

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Alewife decision began when 'inner belt' died

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system. Only since 1980 have there been major changes in the area — first the MBTA station, then the land development and in 1986 the construction of the Interim Access ramp and signals.

After World War II, Cambridge's older industries declined. In the 1950s, younger industries moved to the Route 128 area, according to Kaiser's report. Cambridge began to see itself as an ailing industrial city searching for a new identity, and it made initial "revitalization" efforts stressing the potential for urban renewal in its various neighborhoods.

In the 1950s and early 1960s, Cambridge officials supported plans to build an "Inner Belt," an expressway intended to circle the Boston center city area the way Routes 128 and 495 ring the inner and outer suburbs.

During the 1960s, the existing Route 2 was greatly expanded from Route 128 to Lake Street. Furthermore, the road, one of the nation's oldest, was made a divided highway out to central Massachusetts. The section which runs between Arlington and Belmont was widened to superhighway proportions, eight lanes — with plans for the road to become a major express highway

'Arlington ... is exposed to punishment in terms of denial of access to the Mugar property and other town government goals.'

— Stephen Kaiser
Traffic consultant

into Boston and Cambridge.

According to the state's draft environmental impact statement on the Alewife area, and Kaiser's related study, Route 2 was slated to be extended through Cambridge and to connect with the "Inner Belt."

These expressways, however, were never built because of major community opposition. "The poorer blue-collar neighborhoods directly affected by the road proposals protested vehemently," Kaiser wrote.

By the late 1960s, highway lobbyists

State plan calls for elevated Route 2

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planning and community development and who represents town officials on the Alewife advisory committee, said denial of the access from the East Arlington property to Route 2 will cost the town an estimated \$500,000 a year in tax dollars.

Salvucci said the previous proposal, which would have allowed access to the Mugar site, would have been much more disruptive from an environmental standpoint and would have been nearly unbuildable. The wetlands and parklands are protected by strict federal regulations.

"It is very likely that had we tried to build through these protected areas we would have been stopped by a lawsuit. What we're proposing not only is the first real chance to make Route 2 work better, but it does it in a way that protects the environment and can be built," said Salvucci.

"It has been the official position of the town to allow the Mugar site to be developed," said McClennen at Tuesday's meeting. "There is only one parcel that has been singled out for non-development, the Mugar site."

He added: "We could spend a lot of time arguing over tax dollars, but the development would mean \$500,000 annually to the Town of Arlington, when under Prop. 2½ we can only increase taxes annually by \$750,000."

Salvucci may still face a lawsuit. At a meeting Monday night, Selectmen discussed the new plans, which had been reviewed with town officials before Tuesday's public announcement.

Without the curb-cut to allow access to the 17-acre site from the state highway, and not affect Arlington residential streets, many in town believe the site is undevelopable. East Arlington residents are staunchly opposed to the traffic coming through their streets.

"Development out of existing streets is foolhardy," said Arlington Selectman Jack Donahue. "No street down there can carry substantial traffic."

Developers of the land, however, have not given up their plans to build on the site.

"I think this is just the first tool to solving the problems in the area. This is the first time this plan has been made public," said George Khouri, project manager for the Finard Group, after the meeting. "It is too early to tell what this plan will mean for the site."

The company still considers the land developable and will work to find an equitable solution to the development and transportation needs for the area, Khouri said.

Salvucci said the decision to not allow access to the Mugar site was not made for development reasons, although development in the area is a transportation concern.

"I think the municipalities are going to have to look at how much development the area can take. There has been a belief that better transportation signals new development," said Salvucci.

"We don't want to spend \$40 million improving a system that will become recontested by new development," he

said. McClennen objected to the secretary's assertion that the development in Arlington was not a responsible one.

The Mugar proposal is for a building containing 350,000 square feet of space and would bring in about 750 cars, McClennen said.

Those numbers are significantly lower than the plans for the W.R. Grace site in Cambridge — about the same size as the Mugar property, but three times as dense. The Cambridge development includes nearly 1 million square feet of hotel, office and retail space and about 2,000 cars.

"We're all going to be affected by it, but we're not going to benefit from it," said Arlington Town Manager Donald Marquis.

Various developments have been planned for the Mugar site since it was rezoned for business use in 1952. Town Meeting has supported use of the land for commercial or office development.

Each of the towns and area residents have specific concerns about the plan that are often at conflict with their neighbors.

"We could not mold all the concerns into one plan," said Michael Meyer, head of planning for the transportation department and an Arlington resident. "I think this plan addresses the majority of issues raised by area residents and makes the best sense from a transportation standpoint."

Discussed for the first time publicly was the W.R. Grace curb-cut, which

was apparently given in return for land that allowed the Transportation Department to build the current interim access road which connects to the rear of the MBTA station.

According to Cambridge planners, the access was given after the W.R. Grace developers sold the state the land for \$1. The site also had several other access points.

Longtime East Arlington resident and former member of the Arlington Conservation Commission Elsie Fiore said the current plan allows for protection of the area's wetlands and improves Route 2 and Route 16 traffic.

"I think it's one of the better solutions we've seen. The entire area is a wetlands area and those needs have to be addressed," said Fiore.

"I think it's the best solution to all the problems we are facing," said state Rep. Mary Jane Gibson, D-East Arlington/Belmont.

Conservationist Herbert Meyer, also a member of the advisory committee, said the new plan does not go far enough in protecting the wetlands and environment, but is better than letting the situation stay as it is.

"The environment has to be improved and maintained," Meyer said.

Under Salvucci's proposal, plans will be finalized and public hearings will be held in Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge. It will take at least three years to design the project with the earliest time construction could begin sometime in 1993.

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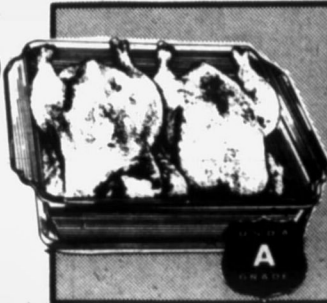
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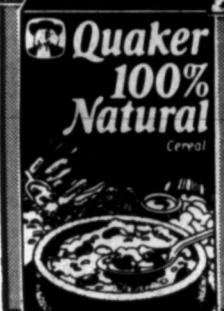
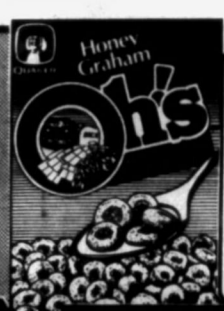
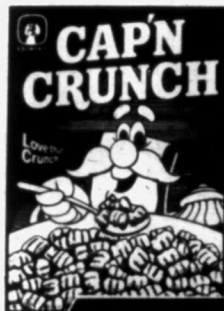
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